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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Spring '03 convention in St. Louis was, by all measurements, a huge success!! Dealer tables were all sold-out well in advance, public attendance was in excess of 3000, and the Heritage auctions realized over 10 million dollars!

Your Board of Governors held three sessions to plan, review, and organize business matters for future action.

The educational exhibits were plentiful, as always. Best-of-show honors were again won by Jim Cain for "The Labors of Herakles." Last year Jim won with his "Twelve Caesars." I take particular pride in this as Jim is a fellow Louisvillian whom I have known for 50 years.

The grading seminar had nine participants, an adequate number for a "hands on" training session, so next year we plan to have two such seminars - one for coins, one for paper money.

The Sunday awards breakfast was well attended. Among our many recognized guests was "Mr. FUN," Robert Hendershott, still going strong, talking and waving to his many friends at the age of almost 105! Robert Green, our Central States legal counsel was presented the Society's highest honor, the Medal of Merit, for outstanding and dedicated service.

Several of your board members will attend the ANA convention in Baltimore, July 30-August 3.

Our Fall '03 CSNS show will be in the Chicago suburb of Countryside, hosted by the Illinois Numismatic Association, and we have all 120 dealer tables sold!

Again, the numismatic community is very much alive and well, as evidenced by the happenings related in this issue of your *Centinel.*

I look forward to seeing you September 5-7 at our Fall Show!

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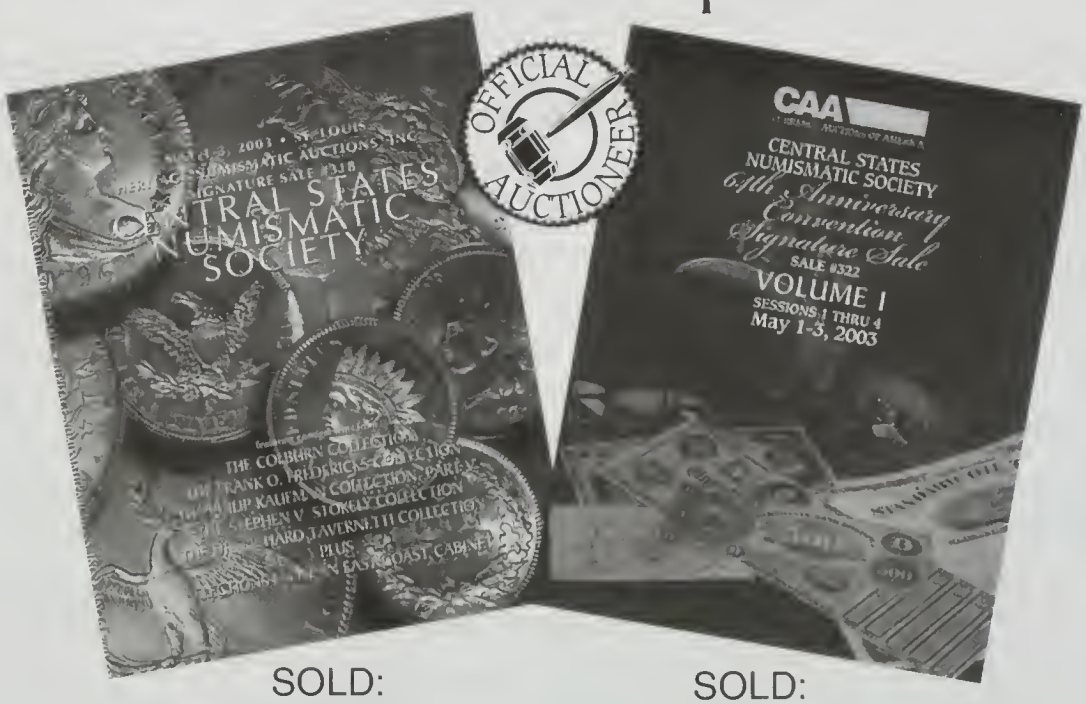

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FROM THE SECRETARY

Jerry Lebo

We'll discuss the just-concluded St. Louis convention a bit further in this column. But first...

This issue of *The Centinel* contains the annual treasurer's report for the preceding fiscal year that ended Feb. 28, 2003. This is an abbreviated version of a more detailed report presented to the Board of Governors.

In the published report, we simply provide totals of various accounts checking, savings and CDs. We don't publish banks or bank account numbers for obvious security reasons. Currently we have money in three different banks in two different cities.

Beyond the security issue, we try to operate as much as possible as an open society. Feel free to contact me if you have questions about specific areas of the report.

We welcome our two latest club members, both from Minnesota: the Rochester Coin and Stamp Club and the College City Coin Club of Northfield. Longtime CSNS member Jerry Swanson sponsored both applications.

Thanks to Ron Calkins, secretary-treasurer of Numismatists of Wisconsin, who provided current addresses for two of our "lost" members. Ditto longtime member Hank Spangenberger of Ohio, who also provided information about a member who now is no longer lost.

And thanks to dealer Robert Rhue, who donated his author's fee to our YN program. His article, "Pride of Ownership," was published in the winter issue of *The Centinel* (Vol. 50, No. 4.)

Let's review the St. Louis convention while we're on the topic of contributions to the YN program. We came back from St. Louis with checks from Bowers and Merena Galleries and Ted Woodstock, earmarked for YN activities. There also was $50 cash in the YN envelope but I'm not sure of its source.

The ladies watch donated by Scotsman Coins fetched $450 in a silent auction. Ray Dillard had the winning bid. This money goes into the YN pot.

There was a bogus bid of $1,500 put into the box. Don't know who the

Double honors were earned by William Brandimore who took home the Most Educational award, named in memory of John Jay Pittman, and the People's Choice award, honoring Marjorie Hendershott, past CSNS president and secretary. Brandimore is pictured with "Marge" and Fran Lockwood, chairperson of exhibits.

John Grost accepted the award for best exhibit by a first time exhibitor from Fran Lockwood. The award, provided by Stack's of New York, honor Joseph and Morton Stack, hobby pioneers who are respected for their early encouragement and longtime support of a midwestern regional organization now known as Central States.

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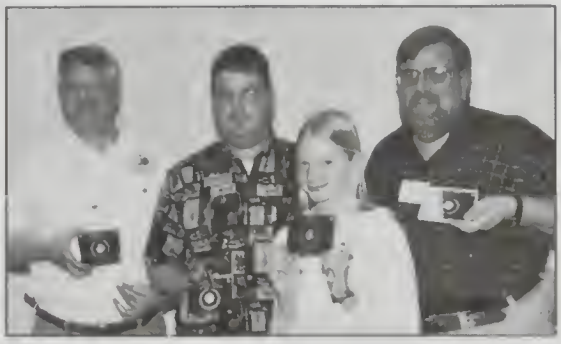
clown is, but if he will make himself known, I'll tell him to his face that he (or she) is devoid of social graces.

Krause Publications prints our convention program and donates 25 percent of the advertising revenue to our scholarship fund. This year Krause's Joel Edler presented us with a check for $825. That pretty much pays for one full scholarship to the ANA summer seminar.

CSNS awards two scholarships annually and usually a third because of the Krause donation. Next summer's scholarships will be decided at our fall board meeting in Countryside, Ill. Applicants should contact Glen Jorde (YNs) or Don Charters (adults.)



First place winners in the exhibit competition included (left to right) William Cowburn, Marcus Turner, Katie Heinrich and Wendell Wolka. Not pictured are James Cain and John Grost.

Opps. I've slid a little off course. Back to the St. Louis convention. President Tileston writes about the event in his column so I will try to avoid duplication other than to say that Fran Lockwood, assisted by hubby Ray, did her usual stellar job of rounding up an array of outstanding exhibits. You'll find a list of award winners in the minutes published elsewhere in this issue.

Two of the exhibit awards were named in honor of former CSNS President Marjorie Hendershott and her husband, Bob, who is still going strong at age 104. Both were in attendance and it was great seeing them!

Let me take you behind the scenes, so to speak, of this particular show where it wasn't all peaches and cream. In fact, you might say it's a bit "shocking," (pun intended) to deal with the electricians union. General chairman Kevin Foley knew ahead of time that we'd be dealing with the unions, primarily the electricians and the Teamsters.

No problem with the Teamsters. In fact, I was happy to have them. They were a nice bunch of people who did their job without griping or goofing off. The electricians did what we wanted: install the electrical outlets in the dealer booths. Then they wanted to do more work, such as attaching the hoods to the lamps, carrying said lamps to the dealer tables and installing them. As the show ended, they wanted to retrieve said lamps and return them to the storage area.

This is the first time this has happened. In other cities we have used our local volunteers for such projects without interference from a union. To make a long story short, the St. Louis convention center bosses agreed to pay for the extra labor we didn't want. We are scheduled to return to St. Louis is 2005 and 2007, but that agenda is being reviewed.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was founded in St. Louis, which logically is the home for Local 1. The local's behavior probably contributes to St. Louis' reputation as a "union town." Sound like I'm anti-union? I belonged to The Newspaper Guild for about 25 years and support unionism in principle. That doesn't mean a union can do no wrong in my eyes. Just look at Local 1.

Governor Bob Kutcher emerged as the top membership recruiter following the convention. Bob, who is known for his smoked turkey, signed up seven adults and 13 YNs.

One additional note about the minutes printed elsewhere in this issue: These are minutes of the open board meeting and do not include executive sesions which often involve personnel and contactual matters.

On a personal note, thanks to everybody who called, sent cards or emails following my stroke on March 6. I'd say I'm back to about 90 percent of normal. The emergency room doctor got my undivided attention when he said, "You've smoked your last cigarette." He was right. Haven't lit up since then.

Central States Numismatic Society
Board of Governors Meeting, May 2003
St. Louis MO Convention Center

President Harry Tileston called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m., Friday, May 2, 2003. Roll call showed all members present except Glen Jorde (tardy) and Rollie Finner (excused.)

There was a moment of silence for deceased members.

Guests introduced were John Wilson, ANA president; Gary Lewis, ANA vice president, and Bruce Benoit, president of the South Shore Coin Club in Milwaukee.

Secretary Jerry Lebo offered a correction to the fall 2002 minutes, listing *The Centinel* deadlines as Feb. 15, May 15, Aug. 15 and Nov. 15. Paul Padget moved and Ray Lockwood seconded that the fall 2002 minutes be accepted. Approved.

Ray Lockwood moved and Marv Mericle seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Approved.

The secretary was instructed to write a thank-you note to Ted Woodstock for his contribution to the YN program.

Jack Huggins of the Finance Committee said all is proper and that we are following our prescribed investment plan.

Bob Kutcher moved and Jack Huggins seconded to approve new advertising rates for *The Centinel*. Approved.

Bruce Benoit said he and the South Shore club look forward to having Central States in Milwaukee next year.

Historian Marv Mericle presented a list of material in the archives and asked board members to keep watching for potential additions to the archives.

Jack Huggins said Exhibit Chairperson Fran Lockwood did her usual outstanding job again this year. He said the exhibit committee is considering a new category for the exhibit area but made no specific recommendation. Bob Kutcher said the topic will be brought up at the fall meeting.

Ray Lockwood said the YN Committee is considering several projects, including a possible quiz to be published in *The Centinel*. Florence Schook said the board might consider creating a family membership.

Marv Mericle said he received several thank-you notes from YNs who were mailed special 50-state quarter boards.

Jerry Lebo gave a brief report based on a conversation with representatives of ICTA. It was the consensus of the board to continue as a member of ICTA at the current dues rate.

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Patti Finner recommended several changes in the convention manual. Glen Jorde moved and Florence Schook seconded to accept the changes. Approved.

Meeting recessed at 5:45 p.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday.

Meeting reconvened at 1 p.m. Saturday. Roll call showed all members present except Don Charters (tardy), Glen Jorde (tardy), Paul Padget (unexcused), Ed Rothberg (unexcused) and Rollie Finner (excused.)

Convention Chairman Kevin Foley reported on some problems with St. Louis unions, especially the electricians. He said everything is in order for the 2004 convention in Milwaukee. He said he would have a report at the next meeting on insurance needs for the convention.

Don Charters said he is still working to secure dates for a fall convention in Dearborn, Mi., either in 2004 or 2005.

Kermit Wasmer and Don Charters said they have been passing out membership applications at various shows. Patti Finner said we are publishing club news in *The Centinel* as a service and as an incentive for clubs to join CSNS.

The question of whether to reinstate public registration at the conventions was deferred until the fall board meeting.

Bob Kutcher said nine people participated in the grading seminar and that this was about the right number for such a "hands on" program. He said we should have two grading seminars next year: one for coins and one for paper money. Bill Brandimore moved and Marv Mericle seconded to present a $250 honorarium to Mike Faraone, the seminar instructor. Approved. Faraone subsequently donated the honorarium to the CSNS YN program.

Kermit Wasmer said the silent auction for a donated ladies wrist watch would end at noon Sunday. (The winner bidder subsequently was Ray Dillard at $450.)

Marv Mericle said our "books for libraries" program will need some revisions in the fall as response has not been great from member clubs.

Jack Huggins said our fall 2003 convention is shaping up just fine at Countryside, Ill., a south Chicago suburb.

Jerry Lebo moved and Patti Finner seconded to set life membership at $200 for individuals living outside the United States. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

General Membership Meeting
May 3, 2003, St. Louis

President Harry Tileston called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

The secretary's report was presented. The treasurer's report was presented. Minutes of the 2002 general membership meeting were accepted.

Exhibit Chairperson Fran Lockwood and her able assistant, Ray Lockwood, presented the following exhibit awards:

U.S. Coins: 1. William H. Cowburn Jr., "The Capped Bust Half Dollars of 1807-1839." 2. John Fielding Jacobs, "Rarity and History: Barber Half Dollar Mid-Grade Set." 3. Brad Ream, "A Day at the Race Trace, August 8, 2002."

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Tokens, Medals, Orders, Decorations: 1. Wendell Wolka, "The Story of Dr. Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation as Told by 44 Medals." 2. Bill Kamb, "Twentieth Century Newfoundland Tokens." 3. T.E. Klunzinger, "The 1920 Nurnberg Streetcar Tokens."

Miscellaneous: 1. John Grost, "Money of Fear." 2. Ray Dillard, "An Elongated Tribute to the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair."

Junior: 1. Katie Heinrich, "The Euro." 2. Mickey Dennany, "Various Gold Coins of the World." 3. Cas Koziatek, "The Unknown Dollars."

The following were presented at the Sunday morning awards breakfast:

People's Choice Award (named in honor of Marjorie Hendershott): William Brandimore, "The ABCs of Paper Money."

The John J. Pittman Most Educational Award: William Brandimore,"The ABCs of Paper Money."

Best Exhibit by a first-time CSNS exhibitor (named in memory of Joseph and Morton Stack): John Grost, "Money of Fear."

Best-in-Show (named in honor of Robert Hendershott): James Cain, "The Labors of Herakles."

The following literary awards were presented at the Sunday awards breakfast for articles in *The Centinel*: The Elston G. Bradfield Literary Award: R.W. Julian. Second place: Mark Benvenuto.

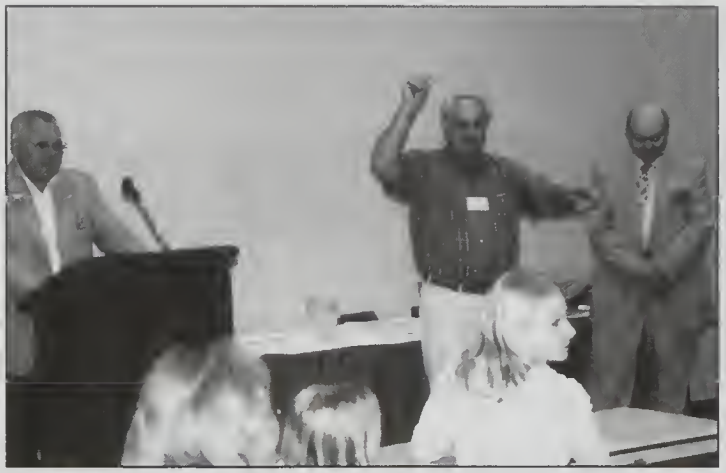
The Sunday awards breakfast also featured presentation of CSNS' highest honor, the Medal of Merit, to legal consul Rob Green for his continuing outstanding work on behalf of the society.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Lebo
Secretary-Treasurer

One of the youngest Central States members to visit the show was eight year old Anna Heinrich who was fascinated with the operation of Ray Dillard's elongating machine. She even helped tug on the crank as Ray's assistant, Gregory Weisgerber, produced elongated souvenirs for the show.

Donna Wasmer and Brad Ream were the only third place exhibit winners on hand for picture taking. Missing were Bruce Benoit, Tom Klunzinger and Cas Koziatek.

Grading coins was the hot topic for nine students at the one-day, hands-on seminar sponsored by ANACS and CSNS. Mike Faraone, grader for the Ohio based grading service, taught and tested the student coin graders. Gary Hojem (background) listened for Mike's assessment of a coin he "practice" graded. An expanded coin and currency grading seminar is already being planned for '04 in Milwaukee.



Attendance at YN activities may have been slim, but those who were there had a great time bidding for auction lots — all coins and hobby materials — generously donated by dealers and friends. Marv Mericle (at left), Kermit Wasmer and Bob Kutcher supervised.

Second place exhibiting honors went to Bill Brandimore, Brad Ream, Mickey Dennany and Ray Dillard. Not pictured: John Jacobs and Bill Kamb.

CSNS conventions have always been a popular place to renew old friendships. Chet Krause (left) and Eric Newman found that to be true in St. Louis as they poured over old photos identifying faces. Newman served as the first full-term secretary of CSNS in 1939-40.

The Society's highest honor, the Medal of Merit, went to Robert Green (left) at the Sunday awards breakfast. Green has served as Central States' legal counsel for the past half-dozen years. Past president Roger Winkelhake had the honor of making the presentation.

The fund for YN activities got a nice boost when CSNS silently auctioned a platinum ladies watch donated by Scotsman Coin of St. Louis. High bidder was Ray Dillard (center). Donna and Kermit Wasmer handled the sale and transfer of ownership.

Special thanks go to David Heinrich for providing convention photos for this issue.

Central States Numismatic Society
2002 Treasurer's Report

March 1, 2002 through Feb. 28, 2003

INCOME

Dues	$ 13,864.34
Centinel	3,150.00
Convention Spring	11,454.62
Convention Fall	3,475.00
Auction	85,116.08
Regular Interest	4,245.32
Life Member Interest	8,618.00
Miscellaneous	567.00
Total:	**130,490.36**

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Miscellaneous	2,089.71
Totals:	**78,236.80**

Total Value of Life Member Accounts:	$109,587.48
Total Value of All Other Accounts:	80,307.26
Accounts Receivable (future show deposits)	16,704.80
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IN MEMORY OF
Richard E. Peterson

Richard E. "Dick" Peterson, a veteran collector and show volunteer, died June 4 in Lake Placid, Florida, where he had lived for the past 20 years.

A veteran of the U. S. Army during World War II, Peterson worked 20 years as a draft engineer for Kaiser Engineers in his native Chicago.

Richard E. Peterson

Peterson began collecting coins while in his 20s and was somewhat of an expert on Byzantine coins. Over the years he worked as a volunteer at numerous coin shows. Most recently he was floor manager for Central States conventions where he was a familiar sight navigating the bourse floor on roller skates. Previously he was sergeant-at-arms for the Professional Numismatists Guild. During the mid to late 1960s Peterson served several terms on the CSNS board of governors. He was a member of the American Numismatic Association and the Chicago Coin Club.

Dick's other hobby was woodworking. According to his daughter, Bets Hofsommer of Chicago, he was best known in Lake Placid for his woodworking skills.

Survivors include his widow, Eilene, three daughters, his mother, a sister and four grandchildren.

Funeral services and burial were June 6 in Lake Placid.

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You Can't Take it With You

The following comments are in response to Robert Rhue's article "Pride of Ownership-Pass it on!" that was published in the Winter, 2002 edition of *The Centinel*. Bob's article articulated the frustration that some private collectors have with public museum collections. One lengthy response to his article has already been published by the Collection Manager of the Smithsonian Institution, National Numismatic Collection ("Hobby needs museums and private collections" by Doug Mudd, Numismatic News, April 22, 2003). The following comments address additional points raised by Mr. Rhue.

It goes without saying that my comments should in no way be taken as an attack on Mr. Rhue himself. I have known Bob for many years and he and I discussed some of these very issues last year at the ANA Summer Seminar. One of the ironies of Bob's anti-donation stance is that, over the years, he has actually been a strong donor of significant, quality material to the ANA Museum. In the past two years alone, he has donated many rare coins and medals.

The Museum is also currently exhibiting some of Bob's personal collection in the "Mountains of Money" exhibit. So his apparently anti-museum comments must be taken with a grain of salt. I have read Bob's article probably ten times and believe I can summarize his main points as follows: By "impounding" coins in their collection, museums keep important coins "off the market forever." This denies future collectors "the opportunity and thrill of ownership." Further, museums don't really make coins available for public viewing and study; they are instead "relegated to join the hundreds of thousands of other items in boxes in the museum's vault." I believe these and other comments fail to deal with the fact that museums are obligated to build and store a research collection not only for the visitor of today, but also for the museum visitor of the future.

Today's donation is the seed of the museum's collection two hundred, five hundred, even a thousand years from now. Museums must think long-term: a collector need not plan any longer than his own lifetime. Any vicarious emotion a collector gets from owning a given coin is as fleeting as is his life. I think the record argues strongly against the "all-the-good-stuff-is-in-museums" line. Three of the eight Type I 1804 Draped Bust dollars are in museums," but five are in private hands. Two of the four 1913 nickels are in museums, two are in private hands. The only legal 1933 $20 gold piece is privately owned but publicly exhibited. A much longer list could be made, all pointing to the conclusion that there seems to be little danger that the museums of the world will ever acquire all the significant pieces. As non-profit institutions, they rarely have money to purchase coins. When, in fact, was the last time a museum purchased a major coin at auction? The opposite is actually much closer to the truth: museums selling their collections at auction to private collectors.

I have documented over 85 instances of museums, universities and historical societies selling off their collections at public auction over the past 100 years. This sad fact belies Rhue's worry that all the good coins will end up in museums: if they do, chances are many of them will reappear again anyway.

Bob states as one of his two numbered points that private collectors, as part of their pride of ownership "eagerly share the study of their coins with others who are interested." There are two powerful reasons to view this argument with a bit of skepticism. The first is that while there very well may be private collectors who are eager to share their collection with others, there are also a significant number of private collectors who go to great pains to remain just that: private. Many collectors specifically do NOT want other people to know what they have in their collection. For reasons that have nothing to do with security but a lot to do with playing games with population reports, hiding ill-gotten material, egotism and just plain secretiveness, many collectors keep their holdings strictly to themselves. This of course is directly opposite the public responsibility a museum has to publish all of its holdings.

The second flaw in Bob's "private versus public viewing" argument is that public museums have far, far more viewers than any individual collector could ever hope to show his coins to. The Harry Bass Collection is certainly seen by many thousands more people now than in the days when Harry would invite a few friends over to see some of his coins. In fact, that's why Harry gave it to the ANA: so thousands of people could enjoy his collection just as had he. The ANA Money Museum will record over 22,000 visitors this year; over 1.5 million people walk by the Smithsonian's exhibit of the Lily Collection annually: what collector can begin to approach those numbers with private showings? Finally, I would ask Bob what coins he would like to see "unimpounded" from museum collections? (Incidentally, if coins in museums are "impounded," what is the equivalent, pejorative term for coins "stuck" in private collections? Imprisoned? Coinnapped?). Should the ANA deaccession our 1976 proof sets? Our huge collection of Mardi Gras tokens? Should we publish our collection on the Internet so that ANA members can collectively decide what needs to come back on the market? Phrased this way, of course, the idea makes no sense. Museums are engaged in building comparative research collections that are meant to be the standard reference for the foreseeable future, including the far-distant future. We are not in competition with collectors, we are the ultimate collector, the one who passes the vicarious thrill of coins to everyone, whether they can afford the coins or not.

There is a growing partnership between museums and private owners to exhibit private objects in a public setting. No longer are numismatic museums constrained to only exhibit those objects from their own collection. This has always been the rule in art museums; it is nice to see it is occurring with growing regularity in numismatic museums as well. We thank people like Bob Rhue and other donors for insuring the ANA Collection will contain significant numismatic material long after everyone alive today is gone from the scene.

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FROM THE CONVENTION CHAIRMAN
Kevin Foley

Central States Numismatic Society Announces Milwaukee Convention Plans

The Central States Numismatic Society will hold its 65th Anniversary Convention May 6-9, 2004 at Milwaukee's Midwest Airlines Center. In addition to the 275 booth bourse area the event will host a coin auction by Heritage Numismatic Auctions of Dallas, Texas. There will also be an all paper money auction cataloged and conducted by Currency Auctions of America.

Thursday, May 6 will be Professional Numismatist Guild Day, with a special portion of the bourse area manned by members of that dealer trade organization. The day's activities will be open to invited guests of the PNG on a complimentary basis and to others for a $50 registration fee.

Kevin Foley

According to Kevin Foley, General Chairman for the convention, "Our recent St. Louis event saw the bourse sell out by late January. There were unfortunately quite a number of potential booth holders we were unable to accommodate whose names failed to clear the long waiting list. Like last year we'll be mailing bourse applications in July and will begin assigning space in the order completed booth applications are received. We've already had dozens of inquires from dealers asking when they'll be receiving their applications, so we'll likely see a repeat of the early bourse sellout in 2004."

Jerry Lebo, Bourse Chairman for the convention added, "The fact that we had two auctions this year, one for currency and one for coins, really strengthened and enhanced our show. We had no less than eight auctions sessions. While the final figures aren't in yet I believe the total price realized for the combined sales came to roughly $10,500,000 handily surpassing the $8,000,000 sold at our auction last year. Our 2002 auction results shattered all records in the long history of the Central States Numismatic Society. General Chairman Foley and I thought the 2002 record would stand for many years to come. We now find it soundly topped just one year later."

Dealers interested in having their names added to the list to receive bourse applications for the 2004 Central States Convention can contact Bourse Chairman Lebo by e-mail at csns@cqc.com. General Chairman Kevin Foley serves as the contact person for clubs and organizations holding meetings at the convention. He said, "We welcome numismatic groups holding meetings at the CSNS convention and are happy to extend complimentary meeting space to them. Interested groups can get in touch with me via e-mail at kfoley2@wi.rr.com to make arrangements."

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The Origins of Coinage

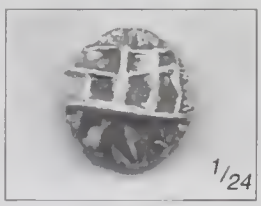
Seventh and Sixth Century B.C Electrum Coins of Ionia

by Jonathan K. Kern

The earliest coins of mankind were struck by the ancients of western Asia Minor in the provinces of Lydia, Ionia, and Aiolis. The chronology of these coin and pre-coin issues is conjectural given the current archaeological knowledge of the period 700 to 550 B.C. It appears that the first carefully weighed nuggets of electrum, either with blank globular reverses or crudely striated reverses, date to the period 680 to 650 B.C. A naturally occurring gold and silver alloy placer gold known as electrum was commonly found in alluvial deposits in these provinces. The first step towards a useful coinage production was to form the nuggets of electrum into standard weights so the merchant would not have to weigh the precious metal with each transaction. These nuggets have one or two square incuse pyramidal punch marks on the obverses.

The next development in coin production was to engrave an obverse die which could strike an image onto blank obverses. The lion head types of Lydia which continued to 561 B.C. may have begun as early as 650 B.C. but this is uncertain. The reverses of these struck nuggets still carried only the deep incuse punch marks on the reverse.

The archaic electrum pieces offered here are perhaps some of the first coins using our modern definitions. They have appeared in international auction catalogs with the dates of 650 to 600 B.C. It is more probable that these electrum fractional staters were struck closer to 610 to 590 B.C. They were struck with two dies, thus conveying an image to both obverse and reverse. Due to the extensive use of straight lines, and angles; right, acute and oblique, all in dramatic and deeply incused designs, this issue is described as the Geometric Series. The meanings of these designs can only be conjectural. A casual analysis doesn't indicate a connection between the arrangement of squares, rectangles, triangles, dots and radials with the denomination (or weight). Fortunately the series is being published so a greater number of minds can contemplate the mystery. Straight lines in nature are not common aside from the horizon, a water surface, a few plants, and a few minerals. Maybe these geometric designs were a die engraver's celebration of the simplicity of straight lines. Greek temples were very angular, so possibly these had a religious significance. Maybe the design



Obverse designs (top to bottom) of the electrum geometric series: The trite or 1/3rd stater; the hecte or 1/6th stater; the hemihecte or 1/12th stater; and the obol or 1/24th stater. Content of the series averaged about 40% or close to 10-carat gold. (All illustrations are enlarged.)

The first "pure" gold coin of the world: The Croesus third-stater. Croesus (560-546 BC) was the first ruling authority to strike pure gold and silver coins (as pure as possible with ancient refining techniques) as opposed to earlier electrum which had indefinate amounts of precious metal.

represents a bird's eye (or god's eye view) of an ancient fort or walled city. If the collapsed square represents the walls, the cross through the center would be the roads. Forts have been built over the centuries with walls at oblique angles to each other to allow the defending troops to easily take aim at enemy climbing ladders. This interpretation seems whimsical, but the depiction of military camps are known on Roman coins 1,000 years later.

Not only the designs are a mystery, the actual purpose of these valuable electrum nuggets is debated. Some scholars argue that true coins would not have had such a high intrinsic value and would have entered the trade routes and turned up in coin hoards of not only the Ionian Greeks but also the Phoenecians and the Eyptians. Some metallurgists could argue that the uncertain ratio of gold to silver in electrum would preclude the acceptance of these nuggets as money, but many economists counter with many examples of money, frequently coins, in many different cultures that were highly unfair to someone, but used nevertheless. Other historians are disturbed by the lack of inscriptions and/or the lack of uniform governmental symbols for the overall very diverse electrum issues of the period 650 to 450 B.C. Some archaeologists feel that these high value, carefully weighed nuggets of electrum were all temple donations, or perhaps a mass distribution of public wealth. Others think these gold pieces represented payments to Greek mercenaries of Ionia fighting for the Lydian king. A full electrum stater has been suggested as a month's pay for a Greek hoplite (heavily armored, well trained infantryman). Maybe large treasures of electrum captured as war loot were designated as a share or bonus to the troops. By dividing the gold or electrum into large numbers of exact weights of several different sizes it was very easy for even a paymaster of minimal arithmetic skills to equally divide the booty. Or maybe the troops' pay was prorated by the week or day, and change was needed. The mercenary pay theory of early coins relates to the camp or fort map interpretation of the designs. Perhaps all the different and seemingly random animals on other issues represented the mascots of various military units. Maybe these issues were all merchant issues, and when their own coins came back in payment to them, especially if the circulations were all local, they were saved the time of reweighing the electrum payment. If the early coins were issued by different merchants or royalty maybe the depictions were their personal badges. It has been suggested that these different designs were simply unique for each moneyer or mintmaster.

The different denominations each have a very small variance in weight and this is not easy to do when working with masses as small as 1, or 1/2 gram of metal. Whoever did the planchet preparation knew and understood arithmetic,

scales, weights and measures. The Geometric series is based on the weight system named after the ancient Greek city of Miletos, and which was widely used in Greek Asia minor. The Milesian stater weighed 14.1 grams, so in our Geometric series the 1/3 stater, or trite, weighs about 4.7 grams, the 1/6 stater, or hecte, weighs about 2.35 grams, the 1/12 stater, or hemihecte, weighs about 1.17 grams, and the 1/24 stater, or electrum obol weighs about .59 grams. In a forthcoming article by Eric McFadden, with the assistance of Dr. Lawrence Adams, the fineness of these electrum issues is discussed. Assuming a gold/silver only alloy, the fineness according to specific gravity averages 39 percent.

In my opinion the early electrum issues are the first attempts of the emerging Greek civilization at a true coinage, because quite simply, many of them come worn by everyday use. These white gold struck nuggets were created as an easier medium of exchange, intended to be accepted whenever wealth, whether for religious, business or military purposes needed to be transferred. Gold and silver were already accepted by most cultures as metals of great value. The electrum was found abundantly in western Asia Minor, and the technology of refining the gold was not widespread, so the locals used what they had and became comfortable with the value of the electrum fractions tendered to them. It is true that the uncertain gold content did not encourage widespread trading, since foreign merchants would heavily discount the electrum in their favor. The electrum issues were discarded in Lydia by 560 B.C. when Croesus went to separate and near pure gold and silver coinages. The relatively high intrinsic value of the electrum was awkward, which is why fractions as tiny as 1/96 of a stater exist. This is certainly in the range of normal day to day marketplace tranactions. Life did become easier for common folk all over the Greek world with the advent of pure silver coinages c. 575 B.C., but the electrum issues in a bewildering array of designs continued to circulate heavily in Ionia, Aiolis, and the Greek islands off their coasts for at least the next two hundred years. The early issues are simply the beginnings of coinage as we understand it.

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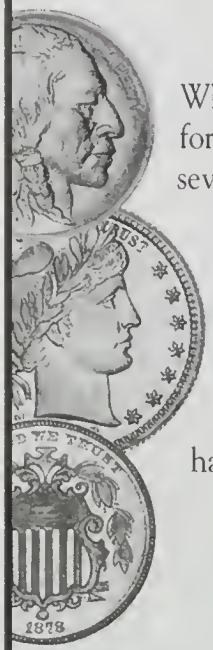

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THE HISTORY of CENTRAL STATES
Part 2
by W. Ray Lockwood

The successful first-ever "conference" of the Central States Numismatic Society held in Chicago, April 22 & 23, 1939, spawned a second "convention" in Burlington, Iowa, April 27 & 28, 1940. It is not entirely clear why the 1939 CSNS affair was dubbed a "conference" while all succeeding events were "conventions." At any rate, the nine-story Hotel Burlington overlooking the Mississippi River was headquarters to the second CSNS convention.

An attendance of 300 numismatists was the goal of the convention committee. The largest display of coins ever exhibited west of Chicago was expected with 24-hour police protection being provided. Professor R. Edward Davis, noted Chicago chemistry book author, was slated to be one of the principal speakers. The Iowa Numismatic Association was to meet in conjunction with Central States and conduct its own election and other business. The CSNS convention chairman was Ted Hammer of Burlington, Iowa, later to be associated with the *Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine*.

The March, 1940, issue of *Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine* devoted almost two pages to a preview of the Burlington, Iowa, CSNS convention. Editor Lee Hewitt called the convention: "Prominent Collectors in Person." He listed the following well-known numismatists as early registrants: William Brimelow (Bill, the Coin Man!) from Elkhart, IN; Frank Ross of Kansas City, MO, numismatic editor of Hobbies Magazine; B. Max Mehl, the famous Texas dealer would be a banquet speaker; M. Vernon Sheldon, the ANA secretary; J. Henri Ripstra, ANA president; Harry X Boosel, noted proof coin collector; David Bullowa, assistant editor of *The Numismatist*; Abe Kosoff, well-respected New York dealer; Albert Grinnell, leading U. S. currency expert; and Dr. J. Hewitt Judd of Omaha.

1967 - Peoria: Irving Moskowitz, popular Michigan collector earned best-in-show honors for a mind boggling multi case display of gold coins. Sol Kaplan presented his award.

Central States officers in 1940 were: President, Arthur B. Kelley of St. Louis; First VP, Professor R. Edward Davis of Chicago; Second VP, Hubert Polzer of Milwaukee, and the appointed Secretary-Treasurer, Eric P. Newman of St. Louis. (Incidentally, Mr. Newman attended the 64th Central States convention just concluded in St. Louis, May 2-4, 2003.)

A copy of the 1940 CSNS convention program reveals additional details such as banquet tickets costing $1.00, a two-session auction with 425 lots, a tour of the Iowa State Prison, a

Mississippi River boat trip, and a visit to historic Nauvoo, Illinois, former Mormon headquarters. The ladies of Central States were certainly not forgotten as an auto tour and card games were planned. The exhibit area boasted 65 cases with coins and currency displayed mainly by dealers.

The April, 1940, Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine ran a half-page ad for the Hotel Burlington thanking Central States and the Iowa Numismatic Association for choosing Burlington. It was "proud to be headquarters" for the convention and advertised its rates: $1.50 up - singles, and $2.50 up - doubles.

Post-convention reviews were very complimentary and filled with details of activities. Central States officers elected at the convention were: President, Professor R. Edward Davis of Chicago; First Vice-President, Hubert Polzer of Milwaukee; and Second Vice-President, Dr. J. Hewitt Judd of Nebraska. President Davis appointed M. H. Jackson of Chicago to be Secretary-Treasurer.

1973 - Peoria: Past presidents John Cain and Ray Lefman were all business (undoubtedly monkey business, though) as they carried on discussions with Bill Krieg of the Franklin Mint. The CSNS hospitality suite has always been a great place to transact hot deals!

The convention was well attended with between 175 - 200 present. It was claimed that this was the largest number of numismatists ever assembled at a convention or meeting held west of the Mississippi.

The first order of business was the selection of the 1941 convention city, Milwaukee at the invitation of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society. The Articles of Association were adopted, and dues set for the ensuing year at 50 cents! The CSNS Board of Governors discussed plans to issue a bulletin (newsletter) from time to time as funds permitted with the aim to eventually publish it quarterly.

The highlight of the 1940 CSNS convention was the Saturday evening banquet featuring the Novelaires, a male quartet, and the featured speaker, B. Max Mehl, Fort Worth, Texas dealer. Mr. Mehl spoke on the topic: "The Whys of Numismatics" and illustrated his talk with large drawings of coins through the ages.

One sad footnote to the second ever CSNS convention was the untimely death of newly elected President R. Edward Davis on May 4. Davis had become ill quite suddenly during the convention and died at home in Chicago one week after the convention's close. A tribute to Dr. Davis noted: "To know him was to love him and respect his knowledge of numismatics and ability as a student in coins."

The next installment of the "History of CSNS" will focus on the 1941 convention in Milwaukee. Special recognition is paid to *The Numismatist* and to *The Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine* for materials cited in this history.

1978 - St. Louis: Margo Russell, popular editor of *Coin World* was mistress of ceremonies for the annual awards banquet as First Lady Suzanne Berk and her husband, Central States president Harold Berk listened.

1976 - Chicago: An emotional moment for outgoing president Dan Parker (center) as Ray Lefman read the citation announcing Parker's Medal of Merit, highest honor given by Central States. Dan was joined at the podium by his wife, Wanda.

1967 - Peoria: Director of the U. S. Mint, Miss Eva Adams, enjoyed visiting with collectors. Here she shared a moment with Phillip More, CSNS president, 1966-68.

1997-Indianapolis: Relaxing in the exhibit area at the close of the show were Jack Huggins, Fran Lockwood and Nikki Maine.

1978 - St. Louis: Forum speakers received the praise of convention officials. From the left: "Bink" Stevenson, show chairperson; Dan Parker, moderator; Joe Franz, George Hatie; and Michael Pfefferkorn, convention host.

Attention Club Officials

Would you like to see news of your club's activities covered in The Centinel? The Editor welcomes news of club happenings in the Central States region. Information on your upcoming coin show, election of new officers, numismatic accomplishments of your members and community projects sponsored by your club are only a few examples of news your fellow numismatists would like to read about.

You are invited to send your club news to the Editor, along with photographs to make your story more interesting.

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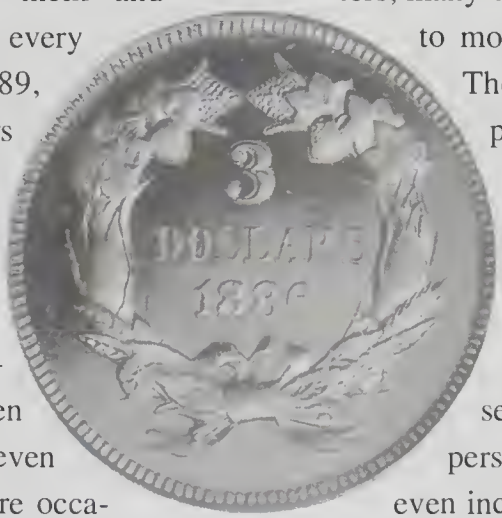
THOSE LUCKY LITTLE $3s

by Ken Bressett

The American $3 gold coin was not always seen as an unusual denomination. When the coins were first produced in 1854, the public was accustomed to using $3 bills and, quite likely, found the coin a handy denomination for buying sheets of three-cent stamps without having to use the weighty copper cents.

Throughout the 35 years that $3 coins were made, they were variously seen as being redundant, confusing, unnecessary, jewelry, and for some, lucky charms. For the government, they must have been a troublesome expenditure of time and money to produce. There was little demand for them and although they were made every year from 1854 to 1889, there were only four years in which more than 40 thousand pieces were minted. Those "common" years — 1854, 1855, 1874 and 1878 — are the pieces most often included in type sets, but even some of the rarer dates are occasionally available at prices that are not much higher, because in reality all $3 gold coins are scarce.



Many of the dates in this series were minted in quantities of fewer than 3,000 pieces, with some well under 1,000 coins. Why they were made at all remains a mystery, except that they were always in demand by collectors. Other than that they were rarely seen in circulation, and thus considered a lucky find when one came along.

Still unexplained is why a three dollar denomination would be needed along with the $2.50, $5, and even a proposed $4 coin. If there was ever a popular demand for the coins, it was apparently for use as jewelry pieces. The attractive Indian Princess design was appealing, and the size was right for a dainty pendant.

Unfortunately for today's collectors, many of the threes were doomed to mounting and other abuses. The limited number of pieces remaining in choice condition make them especially desirable and elusive.

Few collectors attempt to assemble date sets of these coins, but one persistent man did so, and even included the unique 1870-S. That collection can be seen today on display at the museum of the American Numismatic Association in Colorado Springs, CO.

For the rest of us, owning even a single specimen is a real numismatic treat!

(Courtesy: Minneapolis Gold, Silver & Numismatic Services, Inc.)

Future CSNS Conventions

The CSNS holds two conventions yearly. The spring convention is one of the largest numismatic conventions held each year. Most of the leading coin dealers are represented. There are educational programs, exhibits, junior programs and major auctions. The smaller fall convention features regional dealers, educational programs, junior programs and an auction.

2003 - Sept. 5-7.....Countryside (Chicago), IL
2004 - May 6-9.....Milwaukee, WI
2004 or 2005 - Fall.....Dearborn, MI
2005 - May 5-8.....St. Louis, MO
2006 - Spring.....Columbus, OH
2007 - May 3-6.....St. Louis, MO

NOTE TO CLUB OFFICIALS

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Club News

Watertown Hosts SD State

The South Dakota Coin & Stamp Association held its 52nd annual convention April 26-27 in Watertown, SD. This year saw close to double the dealer participation of last year. Though collector attendance was considered low, dealers reported moderately brisk business.

Awards were given for exhibits. Winners were Dean Randall in the numismatic division, and Tom Hayes in philatelics.

The Muriel Himrich Award for exceptional service to the organization went to Mobridge, SD resident Charlotte Anderson.

The 2004 show will take place in Sioux Falls, SD and is slated for the Sheraton Sioux Falls Hotel & Convention Center from April 3-4. Bourse information may be obtained from bourse chairman John Jackson, 901 So. Cecelia St., Sioux City, Iowa 51106. Phone number: 712-274-9195. For information about the organization, contact secretary Byron L. Reed, P. O. Box 297, Pierre, SD 57501 or by E-mail: sdcsa@byronreed.com.

The South Dakota Coin & Stamp Association handed out honors at its 52nd annual show in Watertown. From left, Dean Randall took top exhibit honors for numismatics, Charlotte Anderson received the Muriel Himrich Award for Exceptional Service, and Tom Hayes won the philatelic exhibit division.

Cedarburg: Newest Club in Wisconsin

Responding to a telephone inquiry from a local librarian, Cedarburg, WI is now the home of that state's newest coin club. The call made to the Milwaukee Numismatic Society by the Cedarburg librarian was an attempt to find someone willing to visit with several local young people who had questions concerning numismatics.

MNS volunteer, Bruce Benoit, found the youths not only interested but enthusiastic about coins and the possibility of forming an organization. An informal meeting attracted more than a dozen individuals, all anxious to proceed with organizing a club.

Members and visitors who were on hand for the club's first "official" meeting, April 10, were treated to assorted give-away coins and penny boards, compliments of Benoit. Discussions covered various hobby related topics including coin storage.

Future meetings of the new club are planned for the second Thursday of each month at the Cedarburg Public Library, W63N583 Hanover St., in downtown Cedarburg. Meetings are from 7:00 - 8:45 p.m.

Until a full slate of officers is named, information concerning the club may be had by contacting Benoit by phone: 414-768-7144 days or 414-282-8128 evenings, or by E-mail: bbenoit@thesigmagroup.com.

CSNS Library Support Program

The Central States Numismatic Society will help member clubs purchase books for school and public libraries, subject to the following conditions:

1. A club must be a member of CSNS for at least two (2) years to be eligible for participation.

2. CSNS will provide up to $250 annually to each club in matching funds. In total, CSNS will provide $1,000 annually for this program, providing adequate funds are available.

3. The club must submit a letter to the CSNS Education Committee for review. The letter shall contain information as to the names of the schools and/or public libraries that would be the beneficiaries, items to be purchased and the estimated cost of the items.

4. Both Amos Press (Coin World) and Krause Publications (Numismatic News) have agreed to provide pricing discounts for this program.

5. Upon approval by the CSNS Education Committee, a letter from CSNS will be sent to the club notifying it that it has ninety (90) days in which to complete the project.

6. The club must provide CSNS documentation, such as receipts, for the acquisitions, along with evidence the material has been placed in libraries.

7. CSNS will then reimburse the club 50% of the purchase price, up to $250. Grants will be based on need and overall requests for support. It is possible an amount lesser than $250 will be authorized.

8. CSNS will consider requests on a first-come, first-served basis. Should a waiting list be necessary, requests will be considered during subsequent years in order of receipt.

9. In reviewing applications, the Education Committee will give consideration to a library's need for numismatic literature and the type of material requested. Narrowly focused material will be given lower priority than will be given basic numismatic literature.

10. Requests should be directed to: Education Committee, c/o Marvin Mericle, P. O. Box 26, Prairie Creek, IN 47869.

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Coin Club Meetings

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ILLINOIS

Lake County Coin Club...meets at 7:30 p.m. the 1st Tuesday of each month at the In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave., Gurnee, IL. (No meetings if 1st Tuesday conflicts with major holiday.) Contact: Les Hannula, 847-662-1955.

Oak Forest Numismatic Society...meets at 7:00 p.m. the 1st Thursday of each month at Bremen Township Hall, 15350 Oak Park Ave., Oak Forest, IL. Contact: Howard Ribbentrop, 708-687-2919; E-mail: dianhow@aol.com.

Central Illinois Numismatic Association (CINA)...meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday each month at the YWCA, 5th & Jackson Sts., Springfield, IL. (No meetings in August or December.) Contact: Steve Butler, 217-528-7634.

Indian Hill Coin Club...meets the 2nd Wednesday each month, 8:00 p.m., at the Avon Township Hall on Washington St., in Round Lake Park, IL. Contact: Mike Hanninen. 847-872-2725.

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Old Fort Coin Club...meets every 2nd Thursday, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Ave., Fort Wayne, IN. Contact: 260-482-9890.

Marion Coin Club...meets on the 1st Monday each month at 7:00 p.m., except June and July at 6:30 p.m., at the Marion Public Library, 600 So. Washington St., Marion, IN. Contact: Ray Lockwood, 765-664-6520.

Muncie Coin & Stamp Club...meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday each month at the Minnestria Cultural Center (on Minnestria Parkway just off Wheeling Ave.) Contact: Ray Saylor, 765-288-0371.

Calumet Numismatic Society...meets in Highland, IN on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Highland Public Library, 2841 Jewett St. (No meetings in January or February.) Contact: Mrs. Daisy Talley, secretary-treasurer. 219-942-1349.

Wabash Valley Coin Club..meets at 7:00 p.m. the 4th Tuesday each month in the basement of the Vigo County Library, corner of 6th & Poplar, Terre Haute. Contact: Marvin Mericle. 812-898-1260 or marv626@att.net.

IOWA

Cedar Rapids Coin Club...meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, except June and July, at Papich-Kuba Annex, 1300 Second St. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA. Contact: Dean Parr, 319-366-0552, E-mail: drparr@aol.com, or Web site: www.money.org/clubs/crcc/index.html.

KANSAS

Salina Coin Club...meets the 2nd Thursday each month at VFW Post 1432, 1108 W. Crawford St., Salina, KS, except for picnic in Sept., coin show in Oct. and party in Dec. Contacts: Larry Hower, 785-452-9331; Joe Ayotte, 785-825-0706.

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Louisville Coin Club...meets the 3rd Sunday of each month (except December), 2:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Downtown, 2nd & Broadway, Louisville. Contact: Harry Tileston, 502-244-2555.

MICHIGAN

Kalamazoo Numismatic Club...meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church (children's choir room), 1515 Helen St., Kalamazoo, MI. (Auctions on 2nd Wed.; educational programs on the 4th. No 4th Wed. meetings in Nov. and Dec.) Contact: Roxanne Nigg, 269-349-5383.

Dearborn Coin Club...meets the 1st Tuesday of September thru June at the Ross McFadden House in Dearborn. (No meetings in July or August.) Call: 313-563-6437.

MINNESOTA

College City Coin Club...meets the 1st Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Northfield Community Center, Senior Citizens Hall, 1651 Jefferson Pky., Northfield. Contact: Jerry Swanson. 507-289-5099.

Owatonna Coin & Stamp Club...meets the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m., at the Senior Place, Park & Rec. Dept., 500 Dunnell Dr., Owatonna. (No meetings in July, August or December.) Contact: Dean Jirousek. 507-455-2484.

Rochester Area Coin Club...meets the last Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.,at the Law Enforcement Center, Rooms 2A & B, 101 - 4th St. SE, Rochester. Contact: Jerry Swanson. 507-289-5099.

NEBRASKA

Omaha Coin Club...meets the 3rd Friday each month with a YN meeting at 7:00 p.m. and regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the New Cassel Retirement Center, 900 No. 90th St., Omaha. Contact: Ron Matson. 402-895-7715.

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Milwaukee Numismatic Society...meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Mayfair Mall Community Room, 2500 No. Mayfair Rd. in Wauwatosa, WI (use entrance #2 on east side of mall). Contact: Annette Tramte, 414-541-7028.

Nicolet Coin Club...meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Stein Supper Club, 126 So. Adams, Green Bay, WI. Contact: Don Long, 920-468-7760.

South Shore Coin Club...meets at 7:30 p.m. on 2nd Tuesday of each month, except no July or Aug. meetings, at St. Roman's Church Annex, 1710 W. Bolivar Ave., Milwaukee, WI. Contact: Annette Tramte, 414-541-7028.

Waukesha Coin Club...meets at 7:00 p.m. on 1st Wednesday of each month at the Waukesha Salvation Army office, 445 Madison St., Waukesha, WI. Contact: Forrest Schumacher, 262-524-3227.

Baraboo Area Coin Club...meets the 2nd Sunday each month, 7:30 p.m., in the Masonic Lodge basement, 2nd St., downtown Baraboo. Contact: Tim Quinn, secretary. 608-253-6460.

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Show Calendar

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Show Officials: Send complete information regarding your coming event to *The Centinel* well in advance - 6 to 18 months - and include dates, official name, sponsoring club name, location and address, and contact person's name, mailing and/or E-mail address, and telephone/fax number to the Editor, P.O. Box 296, Iola, WI 54945.

Countryside, IL — July 13
West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Kevin Wasmer. 630-969-8547.

Windsor, Ontarior, Canada - Jul. 17-20
Canadian Numismatic Association's 50th Annual Convention (hosted by Windsor Coin Club), Cleary International Center, 201 Riverside Dr. West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Tom Clarke, 519-735-0727. Email: mclarke@wincom.net.

Springfield, IL — July 27
Central IL Numismatic Association's Annual Summer Coin Show, Northfield Center, 3210 Northfield Dr. John Corcoran, 1601 Maureen Ct., Springfield, IL 62702. 217-698-8326.

Baltimore, MD - Jul. 30-Aug. 3
Amencan Nunusmatic Association's 112th Anniversary Convention. Contact: ANA Convention Dept., 818 No. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903. 719-632-2646.

Countryside, IL — Aug. 10
West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Kevin Wasmer. 630-969-8547.

Baraboo, WI — Aug. 17
Baraboo Area Coin Club's Annual Summer Show, Sauk County Fairgrounds, Hwy. 33. Jerry Powers, P. O. Box 302, Baraboo, WI 53913. 608-355-1977

Terre Haute, IN — Aug. 24
Wabash Valley Coin Club's Annual Coin & Currency Show, Hulman Center. 200 No. 8th St. Bourse info: Marvin Mericle, P. O. Box 3, Terre Haute, IN 47808. 812-898-1260. E-mail: marv626@att.net.

Fond du Lac, WI — Aug. 24
Fond du Lac Coin Club's Annual Coin Show, American Legion Clubhouse, 500 Fond du Lac Ave. Randy Miller, Box 254, Oshkosh, WI 54903. 920-231-6161.

Dublin, OH — Aug. 29-31
5th Annual Ohio State Coin Show, Wyndham Hotel, 600 Metro Place No. Evan Brill, PMB 182, 4719 Reed Rd., Columbus, OH 43220. 614-451-5055.

Countryside, IL — Sept. 5-7
Central States Numismatic Society's Fall Show hosted by Illinois Numismatic Association, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Rd. Kermit Wasmer, 325 Coney Ave., Watseka, IL 60970. 815-432-4636.

Rockford, IL — Sept. 21
Rockford Area Coin Club Fall Show, Hoffman House and Holiday Inn, 7550 E. State St. (routc Bus. 20) & I-90 west. Larry Kasberger, P. O. Box 1122, Belvidere, IL 61008. 608-379-3254. E-mail: kman848@aol.com.

Cincinnati, OH — Sept. 26-28
20th Annual Greater Cincinnati Numismatic Exposition, Sharonville Convention Center (I-75 exit 15 in No. Cincinnati). Paul Padget, 7641 Reinhold Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45237. 513-821-2143.

Northfield, MN — Sept. 27
College City Coin Club's Annual Coin & Stamp Show, Faribo West Mall, 200 Western Ave., Faribault, MN. Contact: Glenn Behrens, 9176 - 135th St. E., Nerstrand, MN 55053. 507-645-4071.

Show Calendar

Hiawatha, IA — Sept. 28
6th Semi-Annual Coin Show, Community Center, 80 No. Center Point Rd. Brian E. Fanton, P. O. Box 81, Hiawatha, IA 52233. 319-294-4377.

Milwaukee, WI — Sept. 28
Milwaukee Numismatic Society's Annual Coin Show, American Serb Memorial Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave. Annette Tramte, 2368 So. 59th St., West Allis, WI 53219. 414-541-7028.

Jeffersonville, IN — Oct. 3-5
Kentucky State Numismatic Association convention sponsored by the Louisville Coin Club, Ramada Inn Riverside, 700 West Riverside Drive, Jeffersonville, IN. Jim Miller, show chairman, 812-944-8248. Mail to: Harry Tileston, treasurer, P. O. Box 43744, Louisville, KY 40253-0744.

Salina, KS — Oct. 3-4
Salina Coin Club's Coin & Stamp Show, VFW Post #1432, 1108 W. Crawford. Joe Ayotte, Box 1111, Salina, KS 67402. 785-825-0706.

Royal Oak, MI — Oct. 5
Fall Coin Club Show, Senior Community Ctr., 3500 Marais Rd. Kenneth P. Rama, P. O. Box 445, Royal Oak, MI 48069. 586-727-1790.

Countryside, IL — Oct. 12
West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Kevin Wasmer. 630-969-8547.

Rochester, MN — Oct. 12
Rochester Coin Club's Fall Southern MN Coin & Stamp Show, Comfort Inn, 1625 So. Broadway. Jerry Swanson, P. O. Box 565, Rochester, MN 55903. 507-289-5099.

St. Louis, MO — Oct. 15-18
The New Silver Dollar Show, America's Center, 701 Convention Plaza. Fred Oliver, P. O. Box 6028, Brandon, FL 33508-6028. Phone: 813-416-6131; Fax: 813-654-4495.

Lenexa, KS — Oct. 18-19
Johnson County Numismatic Society's 35th Annual Coin, Stamp & Card Show, Community Center, Pflumm Rd. at Santa Fe Trail Dr. Mark McWherter, 1107 E. Northview St., Olathe, KS 66061. 913-649-7070 (work) or 913-764-0386 (home).

Kent, OH — Oct. 19
Annual Fall Coin Club Show, VFW Hall, 500 Tallmadge Ave. Karen Watson, 2245 Tallmadge, Rd., Ravenna, OH 44266. 330-678-4754.

Monroeville, PA — Oct. 24-26
Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists Fall Show, Pittsburgh Expomart, Rt. 22 (EZ off Exit 6 PA Turnpike). John Paul Sarosi. 814-535-5766.

Evansville, IN — Oct. 26
Evansville Coin Club Show, C. K. Newsome Community Center, 100 E. Walnut St. Darrell Watkins, 1618 No. Elm St., Henderson, KY 42420. 270-827-0445.

Gurnee, IL — Oct. 26
Indian Hill Coin Club Show, American Legion Post 771, 749 No. Milwaukee Ave. Mike Hanninen, 2400 Horeb Ave., Zion, IL 60099. 847-872-2725.

Indianapolis, IN — Oct. 31-Nov. 1
Indiana State Numismatic Association's 45th annual convention, Marriott Hotel, 7202 E. 21st & Shadeland Ave. Bourse: Joyce Fischer, P. O. Box 2624, Anderson, IN 46018. 765-649-0253. E-mail: kycolonels@home.com.

Brooklyn Center, MN — Oct. 31-Nov. 2
Minnesota Organization of Numismatists (MOON) 41st Annual Convention, Earle Brown Heritage Center, 6155 Earle Brown Dr. Jay Darby, 3628 - 6th St. NW, Rochester, MN 55901. 507-289-5280.

Kalamazoo, MI — Nov. 1
Kalamazoo Numismatic Club's semi annual show, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, 2900 Lake St. Roxanne Nigg, KNC President. 269-349-5383.

Madison, WI — Nov. 2
Madison Coin Club's Fall Show, Sheraton Hotel, 706 John Nolen Dr. Bourse info: Mike Keatley. 920-484-3144.

Countryside, IL — Nov. 9
West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Kevin Wasmer. 630-969-8547.

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St. Louis, MO — Nov. 20-23
Annual National & World Paper Money Convention, Hilton Hotel-Airport, 10330 Natural Bridge Rd. Kevin Foley, P.O. Box 589, Milwaukee, WI 53201. 414-421-3484.

Omaha, NE - Dec. 6
Omaha Coin Club Coin Show
Red Lion Hotel, 72nd & I-80
Ron Matson
402-895-7715

Countryside, IL — Dec. 14
West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Kevin Wasmer.
630-969-8547.

Countryside, IL — Jan. 12, 2004
West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Kevin Wasmer. 630-969-8547.

Muncie, IN — Jan. 18, 2004
Muncie Coin & Stamp Club's 46th Annual Show, Muncie Horizon Convention Center, 401 So. High St. Ray Saylor, P. O. Box 1184, Muncie, IN 47305-1184. 765-288-0371

Marion, IN — Mar. 28, 2004
Marion Coin Club's 46th Annual Show, Grant Cty. 4-H Fairgrounds, State Hwy. 18E. Ray Lockwood, P. O. Box 93, Marion, IN 46952. 765-664-6520. E-mail: sunrayofmarion@aol.com.

Sioux Falls, SD — Apr. 3-4, 2004
South Dakota Coin & Stamp Association's 53rd Annual Convention, Sheraton Sioux Falls Hotel & Convention Center, 1211 No. West Ave. Bourse info: John Jackson, 901 So. Cecelia St., Sioux City, IA 51106-4803. E-mail: jjcoin1@cableone.net. Club/show info: Byron L. Reed, sec., P. O. Box 297, Pierre, SD 57501-0297. 605-224-7980. E-mail: sdcsa@byronreed.com.

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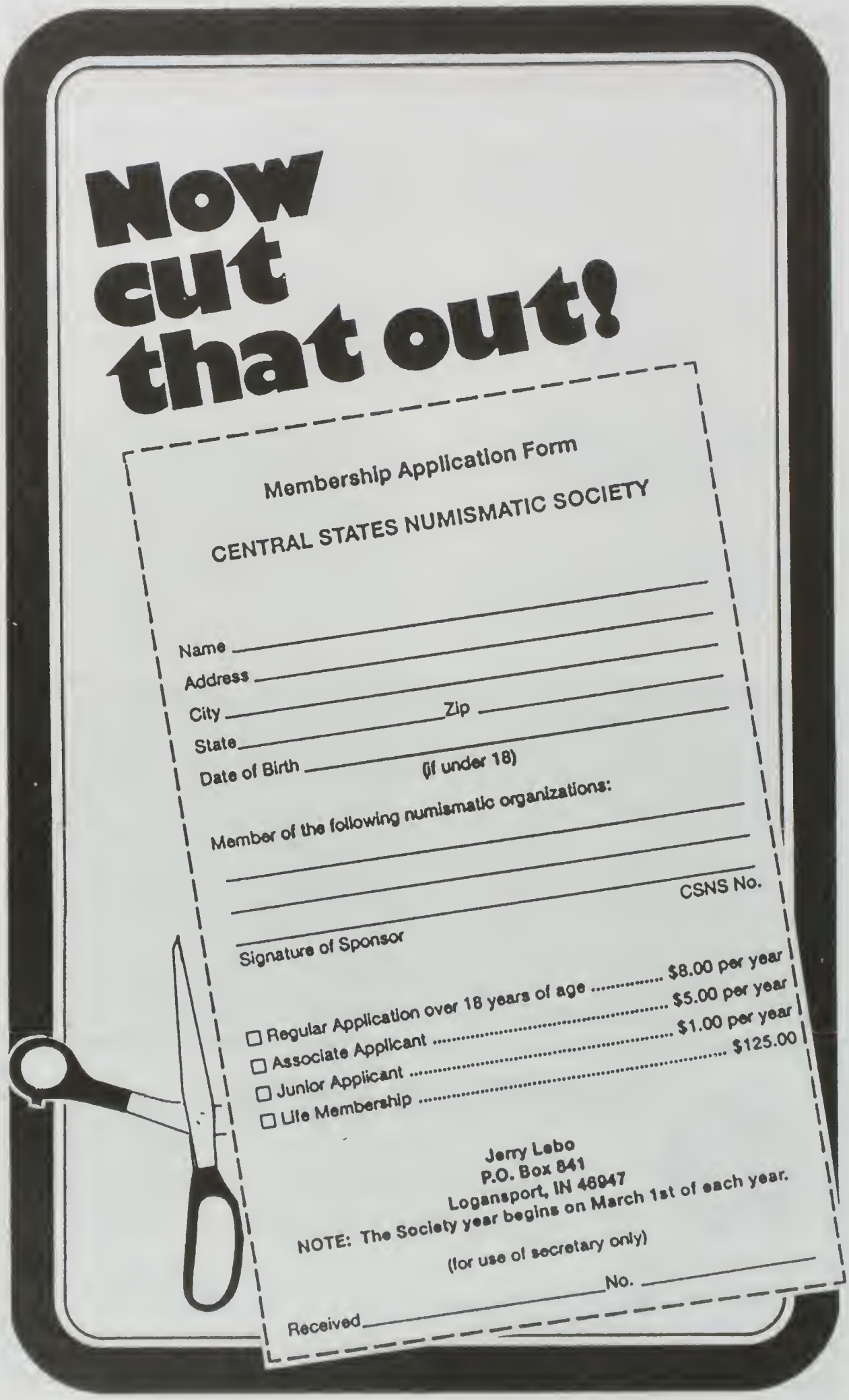

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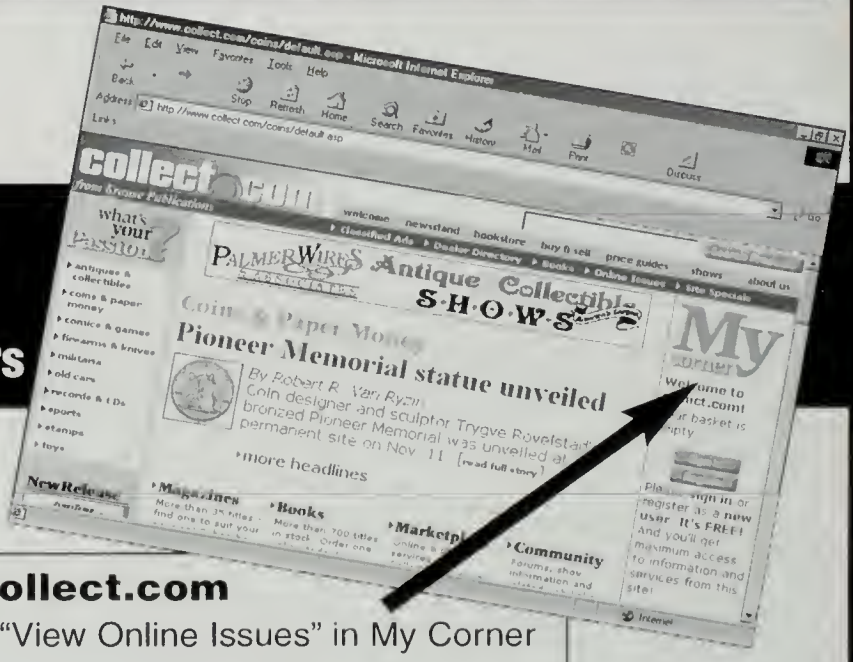

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